GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2477
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2000
FUNCTIONING OF TIHAR JAIL
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after visiting the Tihar Jail, the National Human Rights Commission has directed the Government to make sweeping changes pertaining to the plight of undertrials, overcrowding in cells and grant of parole to initiate the process of prison reforms in Tihar Jail;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): During his visit in August, 2000 to the Central Jail Tihar, the Chairperson of the Commission, while appreciating the good efforts made by the Jail Administration, observed that there were problems relating to over-crowding etc. which needed to be tackled. The Commission, after considering the report of the Chairperson, made several recommendations relating to over-crowding mainly of under-trials, problems of women prisoners, vocational training, management of drug addicts, etc.

(c): It is the consistent endeavour of the Government to improve the functioning of the Central Jail at Tihar.